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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BAKER, Keith H., et al. :
Serial No.: 09/785,876 : Group Art Unit: 1751
Filed: February 16, 2001 : Examiner: E.B. Elhilo
For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR PRE-TREATING SHOES AND METHODS
AND ARTICLES EMPLOYING SAME**

AMENDMENT

Box Non Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 19, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 13-26.

Please add the following claims 27 - 31:

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--27. (New) A pre-treating composition according to claim 1, comprising the polymeric soil release agent in an amount effective to provide soil release benefit.--

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--28. (New) A pre-treating composition according to claim 1, comprising from about 0.1 to about 95% of the polymeric soil release agent.--